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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARIES SCHAUFEL AND ATHERTON

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SUBJECT: REPRESSION IN SUDAN

1. MEDIA REPORTS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT NUMERI IS ENGAGING IN YET ANOTHER REPRESSIVE OPERATION IN HIS EFFORT TO BEAT DOWN PERSISTENT ATTEMPTS TO OVERTHROW HIM. UNLESS HE IS RESTRAINED THE COST IN HUMAN LIVES WILL BE HIGH. YESTERDAY IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT ONE HUNDRED PERSONS HAD BEEN SHOT AND THAT ABOUT TWO HUNDRED MORE HAD ALREADY BEEN "PROCESSED" FOR EXECUTION. AS HE CONTROLS THE FIGURES IT SEEMS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT MUCH LARGER NUMBERS ARE INVOLVED.

2. IT OCCURS TO ME THAT PERHAPS THE SAUDIS WOULD BE WILLING TO URGE RESTRAINT AND THAT THEY MIGHT DO SO EITHER SINGLY OR WITH THE EGYPTIANS. PERHAPS AS RESULT OF HIS RECENT VISIT TO U.S. U.S. DEMARCHE WOULD HAVE SOME EFFECT.

3. DOES DEPARTMENT PERCEIVE ANY OBJECTION TO MY APPROACHING SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT IN THIS SENSE? IF NOT, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW WHETHER SUGGESTIONS MENTIONED PARA TWO ABOVE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.

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